Simplyfying of procedure for adoption of Children from orphanages

430. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether embassies of several countries are requesting to take steps to speed up the process for finalizing the cases of inter-country adoption of children;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in such cases; and

(c) the action proposed to simplify the procedure for adoption of children from orphanages?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Revised Guidelines for Adoption of Indian Children, 1995 govern such adoptions. These are reviewed from time to time as and when required.

Funds for educational and cultural upliftment of SCs/STs

431. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes alongwith the funds allocated to each State by Government for the educational and cultural upliftment of SCs/STs in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the development, so far, noticed in the tribal areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) During the last three years funds released in the country for upliftment of education of STs is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

Funds released to Tribal Research Institutes under the Scheme of Research & Training is at Statement-II (*See* below). One of the activity of the TRI is preservation of the tribal culture.

Funds allocated by the Ministry of Culture under the scheme of promotion of Tribal Folk Arts during three years is: